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SUBJ: FOREIGN BUYERS PROGRAM: NIGERIAN COAL CORPORATION
GROUP VISIT

1. DURING FIELD TRIP TO SOUTHEASTERN NIGERIA, EMBOFFS
LEARNED THAT NIGERIAN COAL CORPORATION (NCC), ENUGU,
PLANNING SEND 4-5 EMPLOYEES TO US APRIL OR MAY TO VIEW MAJOR
MINING AND ORE HANDLING AND PROCESSING SYSTEMS WHICH NCC MAY
BE ASKED TO ESTABLISH OR OPERATE, MOSTLY IN CONNECTION WITH
SOVIET-ASSISTED STEEL MILL PROJECT AJAOKUTA, SEVERAL HUNDRED
MILES UP NIGER RIVER. LARGEST SINGLE SYSTEM APPEARS BE BULK
ORE IMPORT TERMINAL FOR LARGE ORE CARRIERS, POSSIBLY TO BE
LOCATED PORT HARCOURT AREA. IN THIS CASE, NCC EXPECTS TO BE
ASKED TO ADVISE NIGERIAN PORTS AUTHORITY (NPA) ON TERMINAL
DESIGN AND THEREFORE WISHES VIEW SUCH TERMINALS. COMMERCIAL
POTENTIAL WARRANTS FULL AND PROMPT RESPONSE BY USG.

2. NCC GENERAL MANAGER P.O.J. NWORJI LISTED AREAS OF
INTEREST AS FOLLOWS:

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A. BULK ORE TERMINAL TO IMPORT IRON ORE, COKING COAL AND
GYPSUM AMONG OTHER ORES AND CAPABLE OF HANDLING SHIPS UP TO
100,000 DWT. PURPOSE WOULD BE IMPORT OF ORE FOR AJAOKUTA
STEEL MILL, WITH INLAND DELIVERY BY ROAD, RAIL OR BARGE.
COMMENT: ALTHOUGH NWORJI SPOKE SOLELY OF IMPORTS, WE WOULD
THINK TERMINAL SHOULD ALSO HAVE EXPORT CAPABILITY.

B. TRANSPORTATION OF COAL BY TRUCK. COMMENT: SINCE SPECIAL RAIL LINE PLANNED TO AJAOKUTA, NCC MAY BE ANTICIPATING THAT ORE WILL BE NEEDED BEFORE RAIL LINE BUILT. WE WOULD THINK VISITORS SHOULD ALSO LOOK AT RAIL, BARGE AND PIPELINE TRANSPORTATION POSSIBILITIES.

C. COAL MINING: OPEN PIT AND UNDERGROUND. COMMENT: NWORJI DID NOT MENTION SPECIFIC PROJECTS HERE, SO WE ASSUME NCC HAS GENERAL LONG-RANGE INTEREST IN NEW MINE DEVELOPMENT.

D. COAL CARBONIZATION. COMMENT: NO SPECIFICS GIVEN. UNCLEAR EXACTLY WHAT IS MEANT BUT BUMINES MAY BE FAMILIAR WITH TERM.

E. DIRECT REDUCTION OF IRON ORE. COMMENT: FMG NEGOTIATING WITH GERMAN FIRMS TO ERECT TWO MILLION-TON PLANTS AT SITES DISTANT FROM AJAOKUTA, WHICH IS BLAST FURNACE. NCC DESIRES SEE WHAT IS INVOLVED IN SERVICING SUCH FACILITIES.

3. ACTION REQUESTED:

A. USDOC PROVIDE ADDRESSES AND SUMMARY DESCRIPTION OF FACILITIES GROUP MIGHT WISH TO VISIT. WE WILL TRANSMIT TO NWORJI WITH OFFER TO MAKE INTRODUCTIONS OR APPOINTMENTS, IF NO OBJECTION PERCEIVED. BUMINES SHOULD BE GOOD SOURCE ADVISE HERE.

B. DRAWING ON MEPD AND AF/W, USDOC ALSO ENCOURAGE APPROPRIATE

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ATE AND INTERESTED US FIRMS CONTACT NWORJI DIRECTLY WITH DETAILS THEIR QUALIFICATIONS. ADDRESS IS NIGERIAN COAL CORPORATION, P.M.B. 1053, ENUGU, ANAMBRA STATE, NIGERIA, TELEX 51115 (OFTEN INOPERATIVE), TELEPHONE 2691 OR 3158 (OFTEN INOPERATIVE FROM A DISTANCE). SUGGEST LASH-TYPE BARGE-SHIP COMPANIES SUCH AS LYKES, NEW ORLEANS, BE ADVISED. ALTHOUGH NWORJI DID NOT MENTION BARGES WE THINK HE SHOULD KNOW OF THEIR CAPABILITIES FOR NIGER RIVER.

C. LONDON: PLEASE TRANSMIT THIS MSG TO JAMES TAYLOR, KAISER ENGINEERS, REGAL HOUSE, LONDON ROAD, TWICKENHAM, TELEPHONE 01-892-4433.

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